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PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the following utility patent application; this application is a continuation of commonly assigned pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/148,020, filed September 3, 1998, and applicants claim the benefit of such prior U.S. application under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or 35 U.S.C. §120:

Applicant(s): **Clement G. Taylor, Jesse S. Lerman**
Title of application: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING VARIABLE BIT RATE INFORMATION IN AN INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYTEM**
Pages of specification: **21** (including **1** page of claims and **1** page abstract)
Sheets of drawings: **5**
Parent Executed on: **10/6/98 by Taylor and Lerman**
Docket No.: **DIVA/138CON1**

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Independent Claims	1	- 3	0 x \$80.00	\$000.00
		Minimum Filing Fee		\$710.00
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TOTAL FEE				\$710.00
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- Oath;
- XX** Declaration (as filed in parent application - 37 CFR 1.63(d)) - **This application is a continuation of allowed prior application No. 09/148,020, filed September 3, 1998, Examiner A. Boakye, Group Art Unit 2663, Batch F55;**
- XX** Disclosure Statement;
- Letter referencing previously filed disclosure document; number filed ;
- XX** Verified Statement claiming small entity status was filed in the parent application - **Applicants claim small entity status;**
- XX** No assignment herewith. Assignment of U.S.S.N. 09/148,020, filed 9/3/98, the parent application, was recorded at the PTO on 10/22/98 at Reel/Frame 9539/0076.
- XX** Claim(s) to priority -
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